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Title

Device and Method for Multiplexing and/or Demultiplexing

Optical Signals of a Plurality of Wavelengths

## DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

I, Wolfram H. Mueller, currently represent Infineon Technologies, A.G. as an attorney in patent and trademark matters in Berlin, Germany.

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My clients would suffer irreparable harm should the patent application become abandoned due to the reluctance of one inventor to sign in a timely manner.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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